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SUBJECT: Appraisal of the Bombing of North Vietnam (U)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
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 Washington, D. C. 20330

ATTN: AFWING

1. (U) This is an interim reply to your letter of 16 May 1967, subject as above.
2. (U) As noted in your letter, the monthly "Appraisal of the Bombing of North Vietnam" is prepared in consonance with guidelines established by the Secretary of Defense, who desires a concise report.
3. (S) It is considered that an expanded report which would provide a more comprehensive assessment of the effects of air operations in Southeast Asia would be useful. Availability of meaningful and measurable intelligence data, competing limitations, and other high priority requirements all serve as constraining factors in the preparation of such an assessment. It may develop that a quarterly publication would prove to be more appropriate as a vehicle for providing the kind of expanded appraisal described in your letter. The feasibility of undertaking such an appraisal, the format of the study, and its publication schedule are now being explored.
4. (U) The Defense Intelligence Agency expects to be able to provide a more concrete response to your letter by late June.

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